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The Honorable J. Hugo Aronson
Governor of Montana
The Capital
Helena, Montana

Dear Governor Aronson:

In compliance with the provision of Section 44-129, of the Revised Codes of Montana, 1947, I have the honor of submitting to you the biennial report of the State Library Extension Commission.

Respectfully,

Ruth O. Longworth

Secretary and Director

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THE WORLD OF BOOKS

is the most remarkable creation of man.
Nothing else he builds lasts.
Monuments fall,
Nations perish,
Civilizations grow old and die out
And after an era of darkness
New races build others,
But in the world of books are volumes
That have seen this happen again and again
And yet live on,
Still young,
Still as fresh as the day they were written,
Still telling men's hearts
Of the hearts of men centuries dead.

—Clarence Day

Purpose and Activities of The State Library Extension Commission

The State Library Extension Commission, exists to provide library leadership in the state and is charged by law: "to give assistance and advice to all libraries in the state and to all communities in the state which may propose to establish libraries, as to the best means of establishing and administering such libraries, or improving established libraries, and aiding in the establishment of traveling libraries."

The State Extension Library provides advisory and technical service to all of the libraries in the state which require assistance and advice in administration and library techniques, provides reliable bibliographic, reference and interlibrary loan service to supplement local library service, and in areas where there are no local library facilities, gives direct loan of books and materials.

It underwrites costs of services to the blind of Montana, administered regionally by the Seattle Public Library.

It gives assistance in organizing libraries into larger units of service called federations of libraries, assists municipal libraries to extend services into the rural areas and where no library service exists, helps in planning such service through cooperation with a nearby strong existing library.

It serves as a clearing house for all library problems and strives to develop good library service through legislative planning, information, cooperation among libraries and legislative bodies.

The State Extension Library administers the funds available to Montana since 1957 under the Library Services Act. The significant record of achievement offered in this report has been possible through the L.S.A. program, for with the exception of Guam and Alaska, Montana's state library agency was—and is—the most poorly supported of all states and territories.

Services

A tabulation of major services offered by the State Agency for the past biennium shows a gratifying increase:

Workshops

One of the greatest needs in the state has been an intensive in-service training program. Thirteen workshops were conducted during fiscal 1960, eleven of which were held in strategically located areas, planned so that the entire state was included. Two were state-wide in scope.

A series of eight workshops were held during October, concerned with ways and means toward improved library services through simplified routines and through an effectve public relations program. Workshops were conducted in other areas on book selection, story telling and school library organization. As an outgrowth of these institutes throughout the state, a successful state-wide trustees' conference was held in Great Falls in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Montana State Library Association. "Open the Door to Your Public Library" was the theme for this full day assembly. Attendance was excellent and trustees from all over the state participated.

In June, Miriam McNally of Denver, Director of the Public Relations Planner, conducted a pilot workshop in library interpretation for coordinators and key librarians of the state. A manual on library interpretation has been compiled and will be given wide distribution to all librarians, trustees and Friends of the Library in Montana, as well as to all state library agencies.

Advisory Services

The staff made 151 consultative visits to libraries, giving on-the-job help with library problems and conferring with library boards and boards of county commissioners, attended twenty Northwest and Sagebrush federation meetings which are also a type of workshop for the participating libraries, took part in twenty-five programs as guest speakers, made eight visits to the libraries of state institutions and held sixty-five conferences with groups who are interested in helping to improve the library situation, both in their local area and in the state. The staff traveled a total of 34,250 miles during the year.

In three libraries, the collections were completely cataloged and processed at Headquarters.

Assisting the two new federations, in both the Great Falls and Miles City areas and the preparation of the next federation with Glendive as the Center has necessitated a great deal of intensive field work and on-the-job assistance. Two counties, Fallon in the Sagebrush Federation and Richland, which will be a part of the next federation with Glendive, have successfully instituted petitions for county service and will have county support this coming year.

Cooperating with school libraries continues through regular meetings of the State School Library Committee. Implementation of the American Library Association school library standards, and the compilation of a school library manual are under consideration by the Committee.

Centralized Processing

The State Agency has been the center for ordering, processing and cataloging books for both the Five Valleys and Sagebrush Federations of Libraries. The librarian makes the selection for each library but the orders are pooled to secure a larger discount and the books arrive ready for use, thus saving much time in clerical duties and freeing the librarian for library service to her patrons. In many small libraries, the librarians have not had training in library science and for this reason it is not possible for them to classify and catalog. When this is done centrally by a professional staff, the small library can have the same good order and arrangement that is in effect in the large libraries where there is a professionally trained librarian. Last year a total of 14,378 books were processed at the State Agency.

Film Library Circuit

A state-wide public library film circuit has been established with Great Falls as the Center. Costs were paid for a two year period from Library Services Act funds and service was free to all public libraries during this time of demonstration. As of July 1, 1960, the service became almost entirely self supporting through subscription by the public libraries of the state.

Books For The Blind

The 1955 Legislative Assembly granted a line appropriation of $3,600 a year to cover the cost of servicing the blind readers in Montana. The 1957 Assembly allowed the same appropriation. The Seattle Public Library is the U. S. Depository for braille and talking books for the states of Washington, Montana and Alaska. The books are free to the readers but they must be serviced by staff. Previous to 1955 the Seatte Public Library had carried the financial burden for Montana.

At the present time the Seattle Library for the Blind is serving 577 active Montana borrowers. This figure includes 550 borrowers using talking books and 27 borrowers of braille. During fiscal 1960, a total of 17,987 books were borrowed by Montana blind readers.

Publications

The State Library publishes a quarterly, **Montana Libraries** and a monthly newsletter which is mailed regularly to librarians, trustees, Friends of the Library, newspapers, radio and TV stations and to all state library agencies. Other publications:

- Library Directory of Montana
- The Library Services Act in Montana
- Manual for Public Libraries
- Montana Library Laws
- Montana Library Trustees Pocket Handbook
- Trustees Manual
- The Library Image; a Manual of Library Interpretation

Reading Lists:

- "Books for Today's World" (prepared for the Home Demonstration Clubs)
- Books about Montana: Elementary grades
- Books about Montana: Junior High School reading level
- Montana Books: a list of books about Montana of general interest
- Recommended Reading for Parents and Teachers Associations

Direct Book Service

The State Library lends books and pamphlets to public libraries, individuals and to schools. These are sent upon request: to individuals without access to local library service, to county, regional, city and community

libraries to supplement their collections, to school libraries without local public library service by providing recreational reading to supplement school collections, and to state institutions.

The total of 39,362 books sent out from the State Agency represents the number of transactions at Headquarters and not the number of books loaned. The figure would be increased many times if there were records available of the use and circulation of each book after it leaves Headquarters. The Agency collection totals 37,121, with 7,963 books added during fiscal 1960.

LIBRARIES, SCHOOLS AND GROUPS RECEIVING BOOKS FROM THE MONTANA STATE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION★

Beaverhead County

Dillon Public Library
Wisdom Public Library
Dillon Public Schools
Western Montana College of Education
Jackson Public School
Doyle School
Red Rock School
Briston School
Bowen School
Wise River School
Armstead School
Dell Elementary School
Wisdom Public School

Big Horn County

Big Horn County Free Library
Squirrel Creek School
Big Bend School
Antler School
Valley View School
St. Xavier School
Lodge Grass Public School

Blaine County

Blaine County Library
Harlem Public Library
Chinook High School
St. Paul's Mission High School
T. U. School
Turner Public School
Romberg School

Broadwater County

Broadwater County Library
Townsend School
Lombard School

Carbon County

Belfrey Public Library
Bridger Public Library
Fromberg Women's Club Library

Carbon County—Continued

Northside Community Club
Joliet Homemakers Club
Red Lodge Public Library
Bear Creek High School
Boyd School
Victory School
Edgar Public School
Luther School
Hogan School
Jackson School
Clerkcreek School
Rockvale School
Red Lodge High School
Roberts School

Carter County

Albion School
Hay Creek School
Potato Butte School
Alzada School
Five Mile School
Ormesher School
Belle Creek School
Boyes School
Tie Creek School
Chimney Rock School
Sand Butte School
School District No. 14
Capital School
Carter County High School
Central School
Cornish School
Dry Creek School
Eastside School
Ekalaka Grade School
Foster School
Griffin School
Leigh School
Medicine Rock School
Opeechee School
Owens School
Peabody School
Foster School
Climax School
Hammond School
Hawkes Home School

Carter County—(Continued)

Pine Hill School
Ridge School
Wright Creek School
Big Hill School
Spring Valley School
Sykes School
Tee Dee School
Johnston School
Cool Creek School
Lone Star School

Cascade County

Great Falls Public Library
Crow School

Chouteau County

Chouteau County Free Library
Big Sandy Public Schools
Hopp School
Tuscania School
Genou School
Benton Lake School
Promised Land School
Fort Benton High School
Penzer School

Custer County

Carnegie Free Public Library
Cabin Creek School
Cottonwood School
Ismay Public Schools
Knowlton School
Spring Creek School
Custer County Junior College
Fairview School
Garland School
Moon Creek School
Hockett Basin School
Kircher School
L. O. School
S. Y. School
Tree Coulee School
Foster Creek School
Loesch School
Dry Fork School

*In each county many individual families with no access to a library receive regular service.

Daniels County

Daniels County Free Library
Four Buttes Home Demonstration Library
Whitetail Public Library
Scobey High School
Butte Creek School
Cool Creek School

Dawson County

Glendive Public Library
Onward Home Project Club
Richey Branch Library
Kolberg District
Morgan Creek School
Muldoon School
Red Top School
School District No. 50
South Valley School
Dawson County High School
Lincoln School
Prospect Heights School
Sunrise School
Three Mile School
Pleasant Plains School
Larslan School
Bradbury School
Centerville School
Clerk Creek School
School District No. 91
Union School
Wilson School
Garvin School
Hoyt School
School District No. 77
Fairview School
Goodwin School
Goss School
Morningside School
Richey Public Schools
Bloomfield School
Three Mile School

Deer Lodge County

Anaconda Free Library

Fallon County

Ollie Public Library
Fertile Prairie School
Chimney Creek School
Fletcher Creek School
Hidden Water School
Hilmont School
O'Donnell School
Scoles School
Tonquin School
Washington School
Yellowstone School
Preston School
Clark School
Dry Fork School
Lame Jones School
Lincoln School
Plevna Public Schools
Prairie Park School
Rath School
Yokley School
Ehret School
Fletcher Creek School
Gregerson School
Redhill School
School District No. 37
Prairie Rose School
Askin School

Fergus County

Carnegie Public Library
Moore Public Library
Buffalo School
Straw School
Christina School
Deerfield School
Denton Public Schools
Ayers Colony School
Becket School
Chippewa School
Grass Range School
Kinnick School
Tyler School
Mountain View School
Bear Paw School
Cheadle School
Cottonwood School
Skaggs School
Paradise School
Wild Rose School
Suffolk School
Flax School
Ware School
Warm Spring Creek School
Bear Spring School
Lincoln School
Jasperson School
Valentine School

Flathead County

Carnegie City Library
Flathead County Free Library
Whitefish Public Library
Bigfork Schools
Ferndale Schools
Apgar Schools

Gallatin County

Bozeman Free Library
Three Forks Home Demonstration Club
West Yellowstone Public Library
Belgrade Grade School
Bozeman Public Schools
Gallatin County High School
Salesville School
Trident School
Upper Bridger School
Willow Creek Public Schools
Cottonwood Rural School

Garfield County

Garfield County Library
Blackfoot School
Pitzer School
School District No. 42
Purewater School
Pine Grove School
Mosby School
Dilo School

Glacier County

Glacier County Library

Golden Valley County

Cavill School
Kuehn School
School District No. 49
Belmont School
Franklin School

Golden Valley County—Continued

Irene School
Cushman School
Ryegate Public School
Pine Island School
Seventy-nine School

Granite County

St. Michael's Parish
Phillipsburg Free Library
Big Coulee Home Demonstration Club
Ryegate Home Demonstration Club
Drummond Public Library
Douglas Creek School
Pioneer Wallace School
Hall School
Maxville School

Hill County

Hill County Rural Library
Northern Montana College Library
Box Elder School
Devlin School
Havre High School
Hingham Public Schools

Jefferson County

Prina Basin School
Whitehall High School

Judith Basin County

Hobson Public Library
Moccasin Public School

Lake County

Polson City Library
Ronan Home Demonstration Club
Ronan Public Library
St. Ignatius Public Library
Joint School District No. 8
Charlo Public School
Dayton School
Elmo School
Moiese School
Pablo School
Polson School
Proctor School
Rollins School
Valley View School
Ronan High School
Round Butte School
Mission High School
St. Ignatius Public Schools
Salmon Prairie School
Ferndale School

Lewis & Clark County

Greenhorn Mt. Home Demonstration Club
Veteran's Administration Library
Helena Public Library
Historical Society of Montana
State Correspondence School
Lincoln Public Library
State Vocational School for Girls
Augusta High School

Lewis and Clark County—Continued

Canyon Creek School
Claisoil School
East Helena Public School
St. Ann's School
Hauser Lake School
Helena Junior High School

Liberty County

Burke School
Joplin Public School
Whitlash School
Laird School

Lincoln County

Eureka Branch Library
Lincoln County Free Library
Libby Public Schools

McCone County

George McCone Memorial County Library
Brockway Public School
Cutting School
Florendale School
Berry School
Heitz School

Madison County

Harrison Woman's Club
Cardwell Home Demonstration Club
Norris Home Demonstration Club
Sheridan Public Library
State Orphans Home
Twin Bridges Public Library
Cardwell Public School
Madison Valley Consolidated Schools
Harrison Public Schools
Norris Public School

Meagher County

Meagher County Public Library
Lennep School
School District No. 3
Moore Ranch Schools
Lebo School

Mineral County

St. Regis Branch Library
Mineral County Public Library
Alberton High School
Rivulet School
Saltese Public School
Superior Public Schools
Tarkio School

Missoula County

Bookmobile
Missoula Public Library
Montana State University

Musselshell County

Roundup Public Library
Klein School
Melstone Public School
Musselshell Schools
Delphia School
Goulding Creek School
Signe School
School District No. 36

Park County

Corwin Springs Home Demonstration Club
Livingston Public Library
Brackett Creek School
School District No. 22
Cooke City School
School District No. 54
Gardiner School
Beaver Creek School
Miner School
Antelope School
Porcupine School
Sedan School
Wilsall Consolidated Schools
Clyde Park School
Haymond School
Pine Creek School
Suce Creek School
Mill Creek Flat
Cottonwood School

Petroleum County

Winnett Public Library
Dovetail School
Long School
School District No. 121
School District No. 169
Winnett Public Schools
Cat Creek School
Box Elder School

Phillips County

Phillips County Public Library
Saco County Home Demonstration Club
Ester Lake School
Prairie Union School
Cole School
Plainsview School
Whitewater School

Pondera County

Conrad Public Library
Sollid Homemakers Club
Ashmoor School
Brady Public Schools
Strauss School
Frickson School
School District No. 51
Dupuyer School
Heart Butte School
Sherrard School
Valier Public Schools

Powder River County

Powder River Public Library
Bowers School
Ridge School
School District No. 8
Duncan Creek School
Bidwell School
Big Powder School
School District No. 23
Washington School
Wolf Creek School
Davidson School
Two Tree School
Huckins School
Moorhead School
Kingsley School
Otter School

Powder River County—Continued

Crow Creek School
Jurica School
Powderville School
Spring Creek School
Bear Creek School
Ranch Creek School
Wright Creek School
School District No. 84
South Stacey School
Bay Horse School
Rumph School
Epsie School
Broadus Elementary School
Hay Creek School
Mitchell School

Powell County

Wm. K. Kohrs Memorial Library
Montana State Tuberculosis Sanitarium
School District No. 29
Blossburg School
Powell County High School
Elliston School
Garrison School
School District No. 33
Blackfoot Bridge School
Finn School
Helmville School
Flat School
Ovando School
Phosphate Mine School
Salmon Creek School

Prairie County

Terry Public Library
Strobel School
Mildred Public Schools
Shirley School
Sunshine School
Valley View School
Fallon School
Garvin School

Ravalli County

Sula Woman's Club
Darby Public Library
Hamilton Public Library
Stevensville Public Library
Corvallis Public Schools
Darby Consolidated School
Florence School
Grantsdale School
Jefferson School
Lone Rock School
Stevensville Public Schools
Victor Public Schools

Richland County

Sidney Public Library
School District No. 37
Crane School
Butka School
Rosaaen School
Timmons School
Burns Creek School
Larson School
School District No. 66
School District No. 122
Clark School
Rau School

Richland County—Continued

Sidney Public School
Sioux Pass School
Savage Public School
East Lone Rock School
Squaw Gap School

Roosevelt County

Culbertson Public Library
Froid Public Library
Poplar Library
Roosevelt County Library
Mona School
School District No. 47
Froid Public Schools
Grandview School
Lincoln School
Poplar High School
Kusker School
Wolf Point Public School
Bainville Public School
Anderson School
Beim School
Arthur School

Rosebud County

Forsyth Home Demonstration Club
Rosebud County Library
Ashland School
East Fork School
Willow Crossing School
Birney Indian Day School
Birney School
Colstrip High School
Forsyth High School
Lame Deer School
Calabar School
Rosebud Public Schools
Sumatra School

Sanders County

Dixon Women's Club
Plains Public Library
Thompson Falls Public Library
Whitepine Home Demonstration Club
Belknap School
Dixon Public School
Hot Springs Church School
Plains High School
Thompson Falls High School
Trout Creek School
Whitepine School

Sheridan County

Merribees Home Demonstration Club
Lowell School

Sheridan County—Continued

Sunny Hill School
View Hill School
Jefferson School
Outlook School
Westby Public Schools
Redstone Public School

Silver Bow County

Butte Public Library
Dewey School
Divide School

Stillwater County

Stillwater County Library
Columbus Public Schools
District No. 27 School
Tutt Creek School
Molt School
Two Pine School
Mouat Mill School
Kent School

Sweetgrass County

Big Timber Carnegie Library
Dry Creek School
East Boulder School
Glasston School
Knob Hill School
Basin Creek School
School District No. 5
Otter Creek School
Pine Hills School
School District No. 18
Grey Cliff School

Teton County

Choteau Public Library
Fairfield Public Library
Greenfield Home Demonstration Club
Dutton High School
Doheny School
Choteau Seventh Day Adventist Church School
Fairfield High School
Rockport Colony School
Power School
Agawam School
East Farmington School
Premium Center School
Sunny Slope School

Toole County

Shelby Public Library
Ferdig School
Galata School
Sherrard School

Toole County—Continued

Shelby Public Schools
Sunburst School
O'Loughlin School

Treasure County

Treasure County Library
Beaver Creek School

Valley County

Fort Peck Library
Carnegie City-County Library
Frazer School
Glentana School
Luster School
Progressive School
Nashua High School

Wheatland County

Harlowton Public Library
Harlowton Public Schools
Judith Gap Public Schools
Cherry Creek School
Koehn School

Wibaux County

Wibaux Public Library
Carlyle School
Hillside School
Olson School
Quale School
Slater School
Frisinger School
Haycreek School
Parker School
St. Phillip School
South Center School
W. Bar School
Yates School
Jordan School
Douglas School
Wibaux Public School
Liberty School

Yellowstone County

Parmly Billings Memorial Library
Laurel Public Library
Sunnyside Library
Eastern Montana College of Education
Lockwood School
Rimrock School
Jefferson School
Progressive School
School District No. 31
Marsh School

LIBRARY SERVICES ACT

Because the lack of library facilities is greatest in the rural areas of our nation, the Federal Government—with the passage of the Library Services Act in 1956—has joined with local communities and State governments in overcoming the handicaps of sparse populations and lack of concentrated library resources. This 5-year grant program has as its specific purpose the stimulating and further extension of public library services in rural areas.

The library services bill, passed by the 84th Congress, became Public Law 597 on June 19, 1956. Major provisions of the act are as follows:

The act authorizes an appropriation of $7,500,000 annually for 5 years for grants to the States for the extension and improvement of rural public library service.

Rural area is defined as any place of 10,000 population or less, according to latest U. S. census. However, funds may be utilized by urban libraries to extend service to rural areas.

The State Library Extension Agency in each state prepares and submits to the U. S. Commissioner of Education a plan, which will, in its judgment, assure the use of the funds to maximum advantage.

Funds under a State plan may be used for salaries, books, and other library materials, library equipment, and other operating expenses, but not for the erection of buildings or the purchase of land.

Funds are allotted to the States on the basis of their rural population and are matched by the States on the basis of their per capita income. Funds unpaid to a State for any fiscal year remain available for one succeeding fiscal year.

To remain eligible for a Federal grant, a State must maintain its expenditures for all public library service at least at the same level as in fiscal 1956; and State and local expenditures for rural public library service must not fall below the 1956 level.

"The provisions of this Act shall not be so construed as to interfere with State and local initiative and responsibility in the conduct of public library services."

Progress In Montana

Montana has a stimulating record of achievment under the Act:

173,302 people (close to 1/3 of the population of the state) now have improved or extended library services. 3,313 people without service of any kind prior to the Act, are now served.

18 counties with little or no rural service now have a much improved library situation.

4 Federations of Libraries are now in existence, three of them on a self-supporting basis. Another is in the planning stage.

4 bookmobiles have been purchased to facilitate service to the remote communities and to freshen the supply of books in the libraries participating in the federations.

6 counties are now receiving county tax for library support where earlier there was none. Generally, throughout the state, library support in both city and county systems has been increased. Preliminary statistics show an increase of $147,131 for library support in Montana since 1956. Thus the purpose of the Act, which is to help communities to help themselves, is being realized.

Fiscal Year	Federal Appropriations
1957	$40,000
1958	$59,282
1959	$63,486
1960	$72,427
1961	$72,427

The State Agency

The first provision of the approved plan for Montana under the Library Services Act is to strengthen the State Agency. The problem of adequate housing was acute. In December 1957, Headquarters were moved from the two small crowded rooms in one of the temporary buildings on the Montana State University campus, to the present spacious quarters at South Avenue and Middlesex in Missoula.

Equipment necessary for efficient operation was provided. Additional staff members were provided to take care of the increase in demand for services. The book collection is definitely inadequate, but each year there has been some improvement since all of the federal funds that could be spared have been used to augment the state funds which are allocated for the purchase of books. Travel by headquarters staff to every library in the state has been possbile with the additional federal funds. Costs of publications and informational releases that have been of valuable assistance to local libraries of the state were underwritten by federal funds.

Federation of Libraries

Montana's Plan provides for demonstrations of federations of libraries. In the Northwest Federation, four relatively strong existing libraries combined in a system to share book buying and centralized processing and the use of a bookmobile. As of July 1st, 1960, this federation became completely self-supporting. Five Valleys Federation included seven counties and six small units participating in a similar plan. Here local funds were not forthcoming to support the bookmobile but the hope is that sufficient interest can secure its return. Centralized processing and a program of in-service training continue to be in effect in this area. Currently a demonstration is in process in Eastern Montana. Here five counties are cooperating in shared services. The Carnegie Library in Miles City is the Center, serving three small county libraries and one county with no established library of its own. The Great Falls Library Rural Service came into existence without benefit of federal money and all costs of operation are paid by local taxes. Two counties are served by the strong central library in Great Falls. Here a bookmobile has been provided by federal funds for use as long as the service exists.

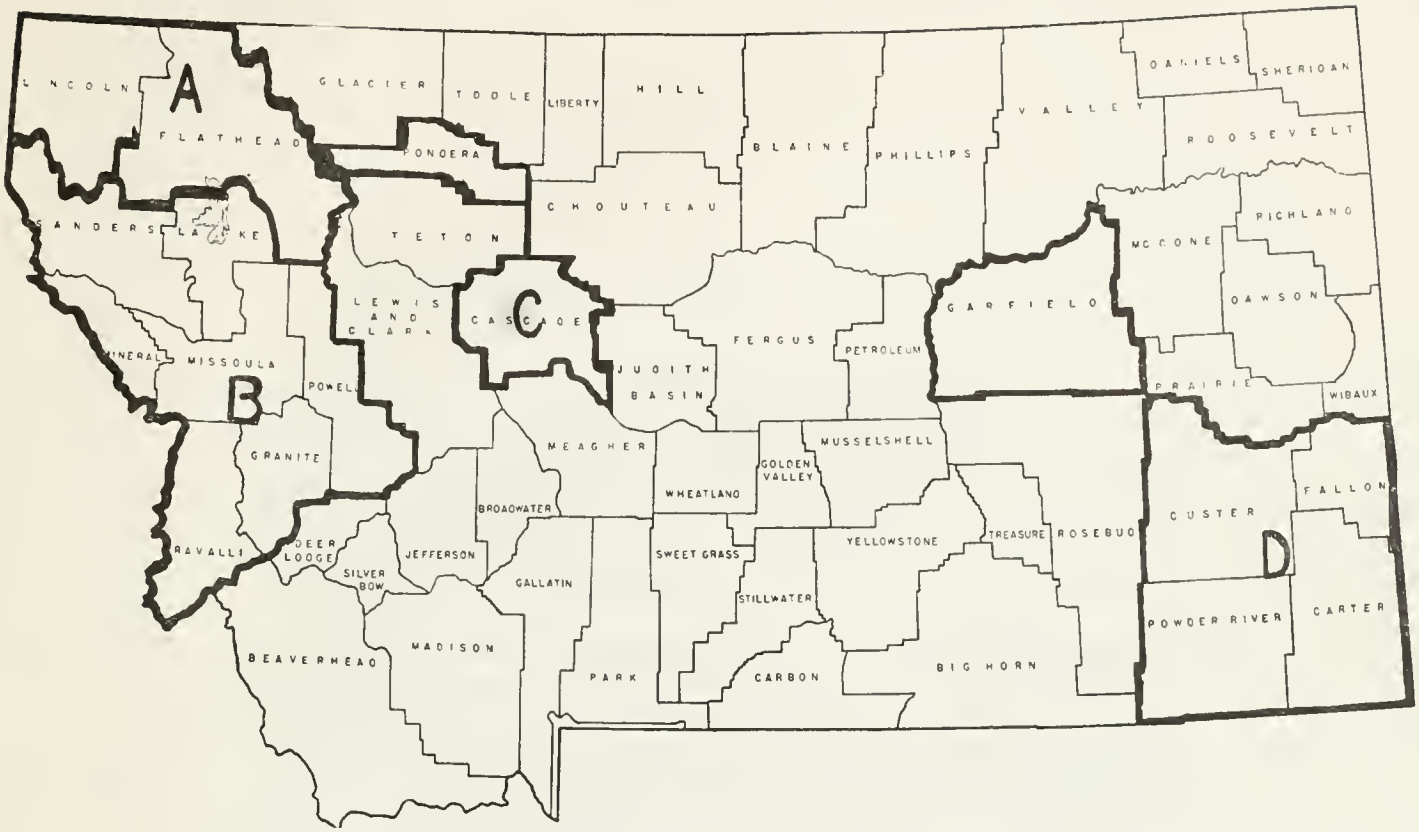
Funds have provided bookmobiles, furniture, equipment, staff, books and library materials, audio visual aids and new paint, lights and renovation jobs for the libraries that have participated in the demonstrations. In-service training workshops and regular meetings for book selection are conducted in each federation.

The increased use of books and library services in every community is convincing testimony of the success of the plan in Montana.

The Library Services Act is a terminal five year program, ending in June, 1961. Congressmen from both parties prepared and presented plans to extend the Act, even before the American Library Association had voted for an extension. The fact that appropriations during the five year period have been far short of the amount stipulated in the Act was a major factor in influencing Congress.

Success in the passage of the law to extend the Library Services Act is a tribute to the fine efforts of librarians and trustees who have worked faithfully to make the program succeed. The many Congressmen who spoke for the bill emphasized over and over again the wise and frugal use that had been made of the money, the soundness of planning and the hard, devoted work that the librarians had been doing in their respective states. Significant too is the fact that during the first four years of the program, state and local funds in the nation have increased by more than 50%.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT IN MONTANA



MONTANA FEDERATIONS OF LIBRARIES

A. Northwest

MRS. INEZ HERRIG, Libby, Coordinator

Flathead County
- Flathead County Library—Kalispell
- Kalispell Carnegie City Library
- Whitefish Public Library

Lincoln County
- Lincoln County Library—Libby

B. Five Valleys

MISS EVELYN L. SWANT, Missoula, Coordinator

Mineral County
- Mineral County Public Library—Superior
- St. Regis Branch Library

Missoula County
- Missoula Public Library and Missoula County Free Library
- Bonner Branch Library
- Milltown Branch Library

Ravalli County
- Darby Public Library
- Hamilton Public Library

Sanders County
- Dixon Public Library
- Plains Public Library
- Thompson Falls Public Library

Granite, Lake and Powell Counties participated in Bookmobile Service.

C. Great Falls

MRS. ALMA JACOBS, Great Falls, Coordinator

Cascade County
- Belt Public Library
- Cascade Public Library
- Great Falls Public Library
- Westside Branch Library

Pondera County
- Conrad Public Library
- Valier Public Library

D. Sagebrush

MRS. CLARE M. SMITH, Miles City, Coordinator

Carter County
- Bookmobile Service

Custer County
- Miles City Carnegie Public Library
- Kinsey Branch Library

Fallon County
- Baker Public Library

Garfield County
- Garfield County Free Library—Jordan

Powder River County
- Powder River County Library—Broadus

The Library Picture in Montana

Prior to 1956 and the passage of the Library Services Act, there were a few small but effective county systems in operation in Montana. However the predominant pattern was that of scattered municipal library service and traditional "county libraries," some dating back to 1915. Small, and in most cases without sufficient staff and financial support, these libraries found it extremely difficult to provide adequate service even to the county seat. Their extension service was either nonexistent or merely token.

Montana's plan under the Library Services Act was one of the first to be accepted by the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The plan has been wisely devised and patterned to resolve the special problems of large geographic area, small population density and low taxable valuation in the 56 counties into which the state is organized.

Considerable progress has been made. Under the plan 173,302 people have received improved library service. Local tax support has increased in the amount of $147,131.00—a 22% increase over 1956. Three of the federations are continuing with local support, and there is little doubt that the fourth will be equally successful at the end of the period of demonstration. Other libraries are preparing to participate in a federation, when funds are available to assist them.

There is much to be accomplished. Montana has 265,018 people entirely without library service, except that which can be provided by the small State Agency. There is, however, every hope for a good future for library service in Montana. There is daily evidence of widespread interest on the part of the residents of the state, a willingness on the part of governing bodies to share in a plan of friendly cooperation and a general realization of the vital importance of books and libraries as an essential part of the total educational resources of every community.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the budget request as presented to the Director of the Budget be allowed, thus providing:

1—Rent, light, heat and janitor service for Headquarters

2—An adequate supply of books

3—Adequate staff and sufficient money to permit travel by the staff

4—Continuation of services to blind readers

That the state law creating the State Library Extension Commission (44-127 through 44-130) be amended to extend the term of the members of the board, shorten the name of the Commission and clarify the duties of the executive officer of the library.

It is recommended that the future include plans for the following:

Funds that will provide State support for local library extension, for the establishment of additional libraries and for the equalization of library services.

An adequate budget to permit the addition of a library supervisor for correctional and institutional libraries in the state.

Sufficient state funds to enable the state library to become a technical processing center.

A certification law to assure qualified library personnel in Montana.

Quarters provided in Helena in or near the Capital so that legislative reference may be given to the legislature and library service to the departments of government.

STATE APPROPRIATIONS

State Library Extension Commission

1945-1947 Biennium

	1945-46	1946-47
Salary of Secretary	$ 2,400.00	$ 2,400.00
Salary of Assistant	1,500.00	1,500.00
Books, Periodicals and Binding	4,000.00	4,300.00
Supplies	500.00	1,000.00
Equipment	600.00	200.00
Travel Expense of Secretary	1,000.00	600.00
	$10,000.00	$10,000.00

Total for Biennium..... $20,000.00

1947-1949 Biennium

	1947-48	1948-49
Salary of Secretary	$ 2,700.00	$ 2,900.00
Salary of Assistant	1,810.00	1,870.00
Books, Periodicals and Binding	5,300.00	5,350.00
Supplies	1,140.00	1,140.00
Equipment	750.00	750.00
Travel	800.00	800.00
P.E.R.S.	216.08	55.90
	$12,716.08	$12,865.90

Total for Biennium..... $25,581.98

1949-1951 Biennium

	1949-50	1950-51
Salary of Secretary	$ 3,200.00	$ 3,200.00
Salaries of Assistants	4,205.00	4,425.00
Books, Periodicals and Binding	5,400.00	5,400.00
Travel	800.00	800.00
P.E.R.S.	303.12	324.00
Furniture and Fixtures	600.00	600.00
Expenses	700.00	1,200.00
	$15,208.12	$15,949.00

Total for Biennium..... $31,157.12

1951-1953 Biennium

	1951-52	1952-53
Salary of Secretary	$ 3,500.00	$ 3,500.00
Salaries of Assistants	4,800.00	4,800.00
Books, Periodicals and Binding	4,000.00	4,000.00
Salaries of Temporary Employees	500.00	500.00
Travel	800.00	800.00
P.E.R.S.	212.00	344.12
Furniture and Fixtures	250.00	250.00
Expenses	500.00	695.60
	$14,562.00	$14,889.72

Total for Biennium..... $29,451.72

1953-1955 Biennium

	1953-54	1954-55
Salary of Secretary	$ 3,800.00	$ 3,800.00
Salaries of Assistants	5,000.00	5,000.00
Books, Periodicals and Binding	4,000.00	4,000.00
Salaries of Temporary Employees	500.00	500.00
Travel	700.00	700.00
P.E.R.S.	216.00	216.00
Furniture and Fixtures	360.00	360.00
Expenses	1,100.00	1,100.00
	$15,676.00	$15,676.00
Total for Biennium		$31,352.00

1955-1957 Biennium

	1955-56	1956-57
Salaries and Wages	$14,500.00	$14,500.00
P.E.R.S.	493.00	493.00
Miscellaneous and Operation	2,664.00	2,664.00
Capital Outlay	3,850.00	3,850.00
	$21,507.00	$21,507.00
Total for Biennium		$43,014.00

1957-1959 Biennium*

	1957-58	1958-59
Salaries and Wages	$17,940.00	$17,940.00
Social Security	425.00	425.00
P.E.R.S.	673.00	673.00
Services to the Blind	3,600.00	3,600.00
Repairs and Replacements	200.00	200.00
Operation	4,035.00	4,035.00
Capital Outlay	4,300.00	4,300.00
	$31,173.00	$31,173.00
Total for Biennium		$62,346.00

1959-1961 Biennium**

	1959-60	1960-61
P.E.R.S. and Social Security	$ 1,097.00	$ 1,097.00
Salaries and Wages	17,940.00	17,940.00
Services to the Blind	3,600.00	3,600.00
Repairs and Replacements	200.00	200.00
Operation	4,035.00	4,035.00
Capital Outlay	12,400.00	12,400.00
	$39,272.00	$39,272.00
Total for Biennium		$78,544.00

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* The increase provided in this biennium was to pay Montana's share for Services to the Blind and to add a trained Field Consultant to the Headquarters staff.

** The increase here was specified for books. No provision was made for costs of Headquarters rent and maintenance or for additional staff.

PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS COVERING THE YEAR 1959-1960

City and Library	Librarian	Population Served*	Mill Levy	Total Income	Per Cap. Approp.	Vols. in Library	Circulation
Anaconda, Hearst Free Library	Natalie Sliepcevich	11,997	2. .75 Co.	21,712.00	1.80	22,301	56,042
Baker, Public Library	Mrs. Alice Newell	2,329	None	775.00	.33	2,930	10,620
Belfry, Public Library	Mrs. H. R. Routh	600	None	500.00	.83	3,000	1,656
Big Timber, Carnegie Library	Mrs. Sarah Fallang	1,651	3.	4,020.03	2.44	10,634	17,438
Billings, Parmly-Billings Memorial Library	Ann L. Whitmack	52,249	2.9	86,647,89	1.66	79,448	254,587
Bozeman, Public Library	Margaret Hileman	13,366	2.9	26,545.45	1.99	14,462	90,086
Bridger, Community Library	Mrs. Thelma Tomlinson	1,500	None	None	None	8,000	1,350
Broadus, Powder River County Library	Mrs. Mary Watters	2,413	.25	700.00	.29	4,000	6,870
Butte, Free Public Library	Mrs. Julia Leyden	27,682	3.25	59,976.41	2.17	58,652	108,202
Chester, Liberty County Library	Mrs. Lilly F. Eveland	2,606	.3	1,500.00	.58	4,690	5,500
Chinook, Blaine County Library	Mrs. Catherine O' Brien	8,065	.7	7,355.00	.91	29,676	39,880
Circle, George McCone Memorial Co. Library	Mrs. Iona M. Stover	3,323	.75	5,383.13	1.62	10,806	10,605
Columbus, Stillwater County Library	Mrs. Helen Prichard	5,498	.83	8,500.00	1.55	15,027	49,009
Conrad, Public Library	Mrs. Thelma Lovchik	2,644	3.25 .75 Co.	9,295.56	3.52	6,000	32,471
Cut Bank, Glacier County Library	Joan Rigney	11,448	1.83	26,476.00	2.35	36,525	109,267
Darby, Public Library	Mrs. Shirley Thorn	500	3.	657.44	1.31	3,000	3,983
Deer Lodge, Wm. K. Kohrs Memorial Library	Mrs. Marion MacCalman	4,651	3.5	5,300.00	1.14	12,000	10,793
Denton, Public Library	Mrs. Mabel E. Rimby	403	2.	480.43	1.19	2,028	875
Dillon, Public Library	Mary L. Innes	3,678	3.	4,167.00	1.13	19,284	8,884
Fairfield, Public Library	Mrs. Gladys Ellingson	693	None	84.02	.12	2,175	2,464
Forsyth, Rosebud County Library	Mrs. Cecille Winzeler	6,140	.402	3,202.47	.52	11,049	10,891
Fort Benton, Chouteau County Free Library	Mrs. Blanche Hagie	7,222	1.3	13,930.00	1.93	35,390	34,413

* Preliminary 1960 Census

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Glasgow, Carnegie City-County Library	Mrs. Helen Ewing	17,038	2.8	12,500.00	.73	28,000	74,808
			.46 Co.				
Glendive, Public Library	Mrs. Perl Coombs	12,262	2.	21,230.00	1.73	13,743	56,634
			1. Co.				
Great Falls, Public Library	Mrs. Alma S. Jacobs	62,865	3.5	155,238.22	2.81	99,762	410,175
Hamilton, Public Library	Mrs. Kay Hammond	2,452	3.	6,712.50	2.33	12,500	35,000
Hardin, Big Horn County Library	Mrs. Mildred Holland	9,904	1.5	11,433.00	1.15	17,116	44,813
Harlem, Public Library	Mrs. Dorothy Brower	1,257	2.	3,327.00	2.65	4,126	6,000
			.9 Co.				
Harlowton, Public Library	Georgia R. James	1,723	None	1,000.00	.58	7,666	13,045
Havre, Public Library	Mrs. Mary Antunes	10,642	2.47	14,640.00	1.35	18,061	58,837
Havre, Hill County Rural Library	Mrs. Marjorie J. Moores	8,014	.8	6,815.00	.85	14,368	31,528
Helena, Public Library	Mrs. Mabel T. Miller	20,096	2.5	43,939.31	2.19	75,300	100,000
Hysham, Treasure Library	Mrs. George Stewart	500	None	100.00	.20	1,360	.....
Jordan, Garfield County Free Library	Mrs. Doris M. Mart	1,980	.5	1,619.60	.82	1,963	8,580
Kalispell, Carnegie City Library	Mrs. Jeane Sturdivant	9,983	3.2	18,825.00	1.89	29,827	122,374
Kalispell, Flathead County Free Library	Mrs. Mildred Grawe	32,693	1.15	25,104.00	.77	30,504	167,820
Laurel, Public Library	Frances Fenton	4,468	2.5	471.00	.11	10,466	23,071
Lewistown, Carnegie Public Library	Mrs. K. Elizabeth Pittman	7,354	3.5	14,503.00	1.97	17,479	69,978
Libby, Lincoln County Free Library	Mrs. Inez R. Herrig	12,365	2.	17,122.00	1.38	31,879	145,303
Livingston, Public Library	Mrs. Helen Ross	8,101	3.41	22,967.38	2.84	13,829	77,033
Malta, Phillips County Library	Mrs. Eunice O. Ward	5,994	.79	5,000.00	.83	11,453	23,659
Miles City, Carnegie Public Library	Mrs. Clare M. Smith	12,965	3.	20,491.00	1.58	29,404	88,519
			.25 Co.				
Missoula, Public Library, County Free Library	Evelyn L. Swant	44,458	2.2	52,884.61	1.19	80,267	215,833
			.931 Co.				

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City and Library	Librarian	Population Served*	Mill Levy	Total Income	Per Cap. Approp.	Vols. in Library	Circulation
Moore, Public Library	Mrs. Ted Estes	300	3.	413.00	1.38	3,900	2,815
Philipsburg, Free Library	Mrs. Frances Harrington	1,107	None	240.00	.22	6,000	.....
Plains, Public Library	Mrs. Eva M. Goodrich	714	3.	1,092.00	1.53	4,850	8,192
Plentywood, Sheridan County Free Library	Mrs. Dorothy Anhalt	6,358	.6	6,000.00	.94	8,000	22,000
Polson, City Library	Mrs. Estella Wareberg	2,302	1.75	2,500.00	1.08	15,500	25,000
Red Lodge, Carnegie Public Library	Mrs. Marian E. Adams	2,267	3.	3,508.00	1.55	8,935	13,079
Ronan, City Library	Mrs. Lillian Flannagan	1,345	3.	1,350.00	1.	4,000	.....
Roundup, Public Library	Mrs. Eileen Peterson	2,805	None	2,600.00	.93	7,860	13,657
Scobey, Daniels County Free Library	Mrs. Bernice M. Sorte	3,714	.78	2,361.00	.64	4,200	5,720
Shelby, Toole County Library	Mrs. Marguerite Marmont	8,146	.5	10,594.00	1.30	19,006	26,138
Sidney, Public Library	Mrs. Shirley Jones	4,538	3.	6,968.84	1.32	8,607	16,844
Stanford, Judith Basin County Free Library	Mrs. Elva R. Wineman	3,062	.67	7,500.00	2.45	13,000	18,720
Stevensville, Public Library	Mrs. Nina Drew	816	3.	950.00	1.16	3,600	3,589
Superior, Mineral County Public Library	Mrs. Georgia Dyer	3,024	1.24	4,002.25	1.32	6,265	18,378
Terry, Public Library	Mrs. Mary E. Dunnam	2,295	.6	2,487.00	1.08	8,440	15,694
Thompson Falls, Public Library	Mrs. Vera Kemmerer	1,251	3.	1,433.00	1.15	3,350	7,097
Townsend, Broadwater County Library	Mrs. Florence Muzzy	2,789	.5	2,254.64	.81	6,235	25,168
Twin Bridges, Public Library	Mrs. May Lunger	497	2.	362.90	.73	3,100	.....
Virginia City, Thompson-Hickman County Free Library	Mrs. Florence Thomas	5,124	None	1,932.50	.38	6,961	3,173
Whitefish, Public Library	Mrs. Mable Engelter	2,952	3.5	5,360.45	1.81	11,993	33,130
White Sulphur Springs, Meagher Co. Library	Mrs. Martha L. Dunkel	2,566	3.5	366.49	.14	7,448	4,457
Wibaux, Woman's Club Library	Mrs. D. L. Collins	1,689	None	360.00	.21	4,000	720
Winnett, Public Library	Mrs. Florence Kindt	900	.5	719.00	.80	2,229	.....
Wolf Point, Roosevelt County Library	Mrs. Berenice A. Hanson	11,596	.47	9,500.00	.99	16,600	31,677